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For: ISOLATION STRUCTURES FOR
PREVENTING PHOTONS AND
CARRIERS FROM REACHING
ACTIVE AREAS AND METHODS OF
FORMATION

Examiner: Ida M. Soward

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the November 2, 2006 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element.

The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicant.

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